
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 869

AN ACT CONCERNING THE STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

SUMMARY:

This bill broadens the candidacy pool for one chairperson position on the Board of Regents for Higher Education (BOR) student advisory committee. It also equalizes the two leadership positions by making the vice-chairperson a cochairperson.

Currently, this student committee elects its own chairperson and vice-chairperson, one from committee members of the Connecticut State University System (CSUS), and the other from a regional technical community college. The bill allows Charter Oak State College students to also be eligible for the CSUS chairperson position.

Also, the bill requires the student committee, beginning January 1, 2014 (see COMMENT), to submit a yearly report to the Higher Education and Appropriations Committees on its biannual meetings with BOR and its assistance with BOR's duties under the law.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013, except for the reporting provision, which is effective July 1, 2014.

BACKGROUND

Membership of the Student Advisory Committee

The BOR Student Advisory Committee consists of 17 members serving two-year terms: one from each institution in the CSUS system (four total), one from each regional community-technical college (12 total), and one from Charter Oak State College. Eligible members may be full-time or part-time undergraduate or graduate students in good standing. They are elected to the committee by their respective institutions' student governments.

COMMENT

Conflicting Internal and Bill Effective Date

The bill (Section 2) requires the student advisory committee to report annually to the Higher Education and Appropriation Committees beginning January 1, 2014. However, this section does not take effect until July 1, 2014.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/26/2013)